

2018 Merit Awards

City of Santa Rosa Merit Award Recipients

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

- **Ukulelians** for enriching and bringing joy to the community through their free musical performances throughout Santa Rosa.

BEAUTIFYING OUR CITY

- **Roseland Community Building Initiative (CBI) Leaders** in recognition of their outstanding efforts to improve and beautify the Roseland community.

COMMUNITY HEROES

- **Pet Rescue & Reunification Team** for their dedication to searching for and reuniting displaced pets with their owners after the October wildfires.
- **Chuck Frampton** in recognition of his remarkable efforts during the October wildfires to protect homes and serve his neighborhood.
- **Peggy Walsh Goebel** in recognition of her outstanding work at the emergency evacuation shelters during the wildfires.
- **Dr. Joseph Clendenin** for tirelessly serving evacuees' medical needs at the emergency shelter sites during the October wildfires.
- **Robert Pelligrini & the Team at Tuttle's Pharmacy** in recognition of their commitment to the community during the wildfires, including their role in filling critical prescriptions for evacuees at emergency shelters.
- **Xavier Nazario** for his remarkable service to the community as member of the Community Advisory Board and for his role in helping those who lost a home in the October wildfires.

SERVING OTHERS, PART 1 (GROUPS, BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS)

- **Communique Interpreting and Deaf Counseling Advocacy and Referral Agency** for assisting deaf wildfire survivors navigate the recovery process after the devastating wildfires.
- **Better Beginnings Volunteers** in recognition of these volunteers who work tirelessly to support women and their families before, during and after birth.
- **UndocuFund for Fire Relief in Sonoma County - Steering Committee** for the creation and implementation of UndocuFund which assists those impacted by the October wildfires, but who are ineligible for federal assistance.
- **Hope, Love & Magic** for bringing joy to children in Santa Rosa hospitals, schools and foster homes, as well as the evacuee shelters during the wildfires.

SERVING OTHERS, PART 2 (INDIVIDUALS)

- **Willie Tamayo** for his leadership role in the Elise Allen High School Foundation and his commitment to the Santa Rosa community.
- **Amber Barnard** for her remarkable efforts in helping others, from cancer patients and their families to friends, neighbors and survivors of the October wildfires.
- **Katya Robinson** for advocating, fundraising and working to improve the lives of youth and adults with disabilities in our community.
- **Richard Coshnear** in recognition of his outstanding efforts to serve the immigrant communities through legal work and community organizing.

STRENGTHENING NEIGHBORHOODS

- **Jeff Okrepkie** for strengthening the Coffey Park neighborhood and tirelessly working to support the community after the October wildfires.
- **Ronnie Duvall** for helping rebuild the sense of community in Coffey Park through holiday decorating and neighborhood events.